

**In the Claims**

Please amend the following claims by deleting the language which is enclosed in double brackets "[[ ]]" and inserting the language which is underlined "\_\_\_\_\_".

1. (Original) A torch cover comprising:

a generally cylindrical outer housing closed at an upper end by an upper housing cover opposite an entry orifice at a lower end;

a circumscribing conduit formed about a lower circumference of said outer housing near said entry orifice and having a conduit entry;

an internal retention volume formed within said housing of a dimension approximately 10" wide and 12" long;

a drawstring entering and exiting said conduit entry in a manner such as to entirely circumscribe said lower of said cylindrical outer housing; and

drawstring retention means, said drawstring retention means comprising a spring clip, said spring clip for impinging movement of said drawstring.

2. (Original) The torch cover of Claim 1, wherein said upper housing cover is formed of light impenetrable material for impeding penetration of damaging UV-A and UV-B sunlight.

3. (Currently Amended) The torch cover of Claim 1, wherein said cylindrical outer housing is formed of light impenetrable material for impeding penetration of ~~[[damaging]]~~ damaging UV-A and UV-B sunlight.

4. (Original) A torch cover comprising:

a generally cylindrical outer housing including an upper end and a lower end, said upper end integrally coupled to an upper housing cover, said lower end opposite to said upper end, said lower end forming an entry orifice;

a circumscribing conduit formed about a lower circumference of said outer housing nears said entry orifice and including a conduit entry;

an internal retention volume formed along an interior of said cylindrical outer housing;

a drawstring entering and exiting said conduit entry in a manner so as to entirely circumscribe said lower end of said cylindrical outer housing;

drawstring retention means for mechanically impinging said drawstring; and

an extinguishing cap, said cap integral to said drawstring retention means, said cap comprising a top portion, a cylindrical sidewall depending from said top portion and a cavity formed by said top portion and said sidewall, said cap for extinguishing a torch flame.

5. (Original) The torch cover of Claim 4, wherein said internal retention volume measures approximately 10" wide and 12" long.

6. (Original) The torch cover of Claim 5, wherein said internal retention volume receives the flame bearing portion of a torch.
7. (Original) The torch cover of Claim 6, wherein said drawstring retention means comprises a spring clip.
8. (Currently Amended) The torch cover of Claim 7, wherein said extinguishing cap is manufactured from a material selected from the group consisting of metal, stone, glass, plexiglass, acrylic, ceramic, mortar and fire resistant [[nylon]] fabric.
9. (Original) A torch cover comprising:
  - a generally cylindrical outer housing including an upper end and a lower end, said upper end integrally coupled to an upper housing cover, said lower end opposite to said upper end, said lower end forming an entry orifice;
  - a circumscribing conduit formed about a lower circumference of said outer housing nears said entry orifice and including a conduit entry;
  - an internal retention volume formed along an interior of said cylindrical outer housing, said internal retention volume comprising a fire resistant nylon fiber, said fire resistant nylon fiber for preventing fire and heat damage to said cover;
  - a drawstring entering and exiting said conduit entry in a manner so as to entirely circumscribe said lower end of said cylindrical outer housing; and

drawstring retention means for mechanically impinging said drawstring.

10 (Original) The torch cover of Claim 9, wherein said internal retention volume further comprises a fabric strengthening nylon fiber, said fabric strengthening nylon fiber providing structural integrity to said cover so as to allow said cover to withstand repeated use in extinguishing torch flames.

11. (Original) The torch cover of Claim 10, wherein said internal retention volume measures approximately 10" wide and 12" long.

12. (Original) The torch of Claim 11, wherein said internal retention volume receives the flame bearing portion of a torch.

13. (Original) The torch of Claim 12, wherein said drawstring retention means comprises a spring clip.